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MOLDED INSULATION RING

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

✓ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 12 and 22 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

✓ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.